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This Reply is being filed in response to the final Office Action dated August 1, 2006, having a three-month shortened period for reply set to expire November 1, 2006. If any fees are required in order to continue the prosecution of this application, the Office is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account 19-5425.

Please enter the amendments to the claims as provided for on pages 2–7 and the amendments to the drawings on page 8 of this correspondence. Applicants' Remarks begin on page 9.